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FM AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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INFO AMEMBASSY TOKYO FLASH

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 4595

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y MRN (4595 VICE 4586)

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS

SUBJ: TERRORIST ATTACK IN KUALA LUMPUR

1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS HAVE BEEN REESTABLISHED AND WE ARE OCCUPYING EMBASSY PREMISES. CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE, OF COURSE, HAS BEEN DONE TO 9TH FLOOR BUT OTHER FLOORS UNTOUCHED BY TERRORISTS. BOMB SWEEPING BEEN DONE OVER ENTIRE AREA.

2. SITUATION AT AIRPORT, WHERE TERRORISTS AND HOSTAGES (INCLUDING CONSUL STEBBINS AND SWEDISH CHARGE) ARE NOW ABOARD JAL AIRCRAFT, HAS BEEN COMPLICATED BY LACK OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH PLANE. HOME AFFAIRS MINISTER GHAZALI SHAFIE, IN FULL CONTROL THERE, IS CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS WITH JAPANESE AS TO DESTINATION, FLIGHT MODALITIES, ETC. WITH VIRTUALLY NO PROGRESS TO BE REPORTED.

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3. HOSTAGES, INCLUDING TWO AMCITS IN ADDITION TO CONSUL STEBBINS,

APPEARED TO BE IN GOOD SHAPE WHEN THEY WERE EVACUATED FROM AIA BUILDING. REMAINING 26 WOMEN HOSTAGES, LIKEWISE IN FAIRLY GOOD SHAPE, HAVE BEEN RELEASED AND HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES.

4. FOR STOCKHOLM: ACTING UNDER AUTHORIZATION FROM SWEDISH CONSUL-GENERAL, WE ARE PROTECTING THEIR EMBASSY PREMISES TEMPORARILY UNTIL DESIGNATED HONORARY VICE CONSUL (HARLAND) ARRIVES AT SCENE, WHICH SHOULD BE IN NEXT FEW MINUTES. ALSO, SWEDES ARE SENDING DIPLOMATIC OFFICER FROM BANGKOK WHO SHOULD ARRIVE THIS AFTERNOON AFTER AIRPORT IS OPENED TO TRAFFIC.

5. DIRECT TELEPHONE SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS CENTER FROM CANADIAN CONSULATE HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED.
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